

## County News.

## BRIDPORT.

Watson Hamilton is on the gain.

John Wright is home from Montreal on a visit.

Mrs. Dr. Townsend, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Our landlord caused his cellar to be drained this week by laying tile across the road.

All who desire to subscribe, or to pay up the arrears for the REGISTER, may call on O. E. Taylor.

The exercises at the Christmas tree on Thursday evening, Dec. 24, were a success, and Santa Clause did nobly.

The reading and singing at the Congregational church Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, were fine, although the audience was small. It was good enough to please a much larger one.

## BRISTOL.

Miss Jennie Grow has been quite sick.

Six young collegians from Middlebury were in town last week.

Miss Emma Ridley is spending her school vacation at home.

Miss Sarah Averill is in Rutland this week, visiting relatives.

Revival meetings are held this week at the Advent church.

Will Chase has moved into Dr. Prime's house on North street.

Band meetings are held Monday and Saturday evenings.

The cantata, "Birth of Christ," will be given Friday evening at Holly hall.

There is a prospect of three new houses being erected on Pine street next season.

Wilmer Tucker has nearly recovered from his recent sickness.

N. F. Dunshee remembered his clerks Christmas in gifts of fur caps and cash.

The medical fraternity report considerable sickness in this vicinity.

Fred. Hammond of Middlebury was in town over the Sabbath, the guest of A. E. Grow.

C. E. Myers has a sick horse, at this present writing, that he will probably lose.

Ezekiel Hanchett has so far recovered from his broken leg as to go about the streets on crutches.

E. H. Dunton will open photograph rooms over Farr Brothers' store in a few days.

The Baptist pastor and his wife are to be absent in Western New York for two weeks.

There is a deal of grumbling among the wood and log men because of the scarcity of snow.

James Bain is no better. Another council of doctors is to be called soon in his case.

Mrs. Clarissa Eastman, 95 years of age, living on Church street, is quite smart this winter for her age.

Mrs. Parmelee is quite feeble. Mrs. T. Barlow and Alva Bush are both in declining health.

Sixteen little girls and boys, the Sunday-school class of Mrs. Rowell, called on her Christmas, and presented her with a nice pickle Easter.

The Christmas trees at the Baptist and Methodist churches were attended by large audiences. The exercises, especially by the children, were very interesting, and all were delighted.

## CORNWALL.

Mrs. W. F. Lewis and sons of Rutland are in town visiting Mrs. Lewis' mother, Mrs. J. B. Holley.

Miss Sarah Guernsey is spending the winter at H. E. Sanford's as teacher of a private school.

Rollo Jones had a very narrow escape on Monday. While driving a horse owned by Mrs. M. H. Porter, it took fright, upset the carriage and ran home, scattering portions of the vehicle along its course. It reached the barn without injury to itself, but the lad's wrist was quite badly sprained.

B. F. Sanford, brother of Mrs. J. B. Holley, and son of Daniel Sanford, a former well-known resident, died at his residence in Galesburg, Ill., the 1st of December, after a short illness with congestion of the brain. He leaves a son and daughter. His wife, who was Miss Ellen Atwood of Shoreham, died a few years since.

The dramatic entertainment given Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, at the town hall by the Y. W. C. T. U. was a decided success. The house was filled with an appreciative audience. The first part of the programme consisted of recitations, music and tableaux, which were finely rendered, followed by the drama, "Our Folk," with the following cast of characters:

Capt. Thompson, a retired ship master, A. W. Foote.  
Mrs. Thompson, good as gold, Miss Jennie Brown.  
Harry Thompson, their son, H. W. Drake.  
Phil, Capt. Thompson's man-of-all-work, J. E. Sperry.  
Hiram Small, a mill owner, J. L. Hamblin.  
Capt. Sleeper, a retired Californian, C. E. Sampson.  
Mrs. Capt. Sleeper, "hoping against hope," Miss Addie Hurlbutt.  
Teddy, their children, C. H. Parkhill.  
Becky, the tom-boy, Miss Mary A. Brown.  
Hilda Prime, full of her compliments, Mrs. Etta L. Sampson.  
Silly York, slipshod, but willing, Miss Addie E. Parkhill.

All parts were admirably executed. The parts of Teddy and Becky are worthy of special notice as being exceptionally well sustained.

## EAST MIDDLEBURY.

Mrs. Lewis Leno is very low with consumption.

G. W. Abbott is suffering from a very severe attack of a chronic difficulty contracted in the late unpleasantness.

F. C. Partridge of Rutland spent Christmas with his mother. Several friends called to wish him Merry Christmas and spend a few moments socially.

At the rink Saturday night Dec. 26, a nice arm-chair was voted by the skaters to the laziest man in East Middlebury. F. H. Piper, the butcher, got the chair and was carried off in it.

There was a very pleasant party at P. B. Cloyes' on Christmas day. Among those present were A. Smead and family, B. Eastwood and family, C. Bump and family from Salisbury, E. C. Stevens and wife of Massachusetts, G. F. Teague of New Hampshire, C. P. Parker and family of Port Henry, N. Y., J. E. Parker and family of Whiting, Mrs. Roberts of Saratoga, N. Y., and others from Middlebury, in all about 32. There was a Christmas tree, well loaded with nice and useful presents. About 2:30 o'clock the company were summoned to partake of the substantial of life, which were in abundance and variety too numerous to mention. It was voted that all had a fine time and they left many wishes for the happiness and a Merry Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Cloyes.

## LINCOLN.

Miss Nellie Garland was home last week for a short visit; also Mrs. Carrie Peet and Miss Katie Geary.

Miss Alberta Sargent is attending school at Waterbury; Miss Mary J. Burdick at Stowe and Miss Mabel Johnson at Warren.

The Sabbath school at the south part of the town had a Christmas tree on Friday evening, Dec. 25. There were the usual exercises of speaking, etc., and the tree was well laden with gifts for both teachers and scholars.

The M. E. Sabbath-school held a very pleasant entertainment at the church on Christmas eve, consisting of speaking and reading by the scholars, an essay by Mrs. S. M. Wilbur and singing by the choir. A number of presents, useful and ornamental, were displayed and presented to the children after the other exercises.

## NEW HAVEN.

Ovette Chapin is convalescent.

The whooping-cough is prevailing to a considerable extent in district No. 2.

The young people give their cantata, "Birth of Christ," recently rendered here, in Bristol this (Friday) night.

Communion services will be observed next Sunday. There will be some additions to the church on that occasion.

Moses DePoutee has made a fine addition to his house by putting a conservatory upon the south side. He leaves town this week to canvass for the Camel's Hump nursery.

Present appearances would indicate that Walker & Booth's new barn and press at the depot will be ready for business as soon as farmers can move their hay.

Charles Wait and Miss Lucinda Wetherbee were married Christmas eve. We congratulate the bride. One waiting wisely and well should be well waited upon through life.

The school on Town hill, taught by Miss Hoyt of Pantow, gave a pleasant entertainment Christmas eve, consisting of recitations, declamations, tableaux, etc., with a Christmas tree.

[From another correspondent.]

Forlyce H. Bottom is at home on a vacation from Harvard college.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Washburn have returned to Saratoga, where they will probably remain during the coming year.

Whooping cough has broken out on Town hill and threatens to disturb the peace of the school children considerably in that district.

Charles Wait and Miss Lucinda Wetherbee were married Dec. 24, 1885, by Rev. C. S. Sargent at the residence of the bride's father, Paul M. Wetherbee.

Mrs. Calvin Squier now in her 93d year, is in quite comfortable health, and is gaining somewhat the use of her right wrist, which was broken by a fall last May.

The winter term of Beeman academy has opened with quite full numbers. Mr. Hoffnagle is popular with the students under his charge. He is giving the students special drill in reading this term.

The Booth brothers of Ferrisburgh are pressing quite a quantity of hay in the north part of town, with a movable press, for C. W. Mason, I. M. Knowles and others. They pay \$11 to \$12 at the farmers' barns.

Mrs. George E. Hammond will soon join her husband in Chicago. He has secured a situation there in the employ of the Pullman Palace Car company. Mrs. Hammond has been stopping with her father, S. B. M. Cowles, this summer and fall.

## WEST ADDISON.

Ezra Pease is improving slowly, as is also Mrs. John Tatroau.

Little Carrie, daughter of Guy Harris, is very sick with a sore throat.

There are one or two cases of whooping cough.

Miss Shaw, grand-daughter of Rev. Mr. Walker, is teaching in the Vanderhoof district.

John Wright, with his several helpers, is very busy picking turkeys. They dress from four to five hundred every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Storrs of Westport, N. Y., and Mrs. Phoebe A. Goodale spent Christmas day and evening at C. N. Goodale's.

While crossing the lake at Port Franklin, Dec. 20, John Sears drowned his team, valued at \$300. He had been to Port Henry.

The next time that young man goes to see his girl he had better cast a quiet glance under the lounge to see if her little brother is not concealed there.

## ORWELL.

Our selectmen have paid in all for six sheep from the dog fund of the town for sheep killed by dogs during the past year, while the year previous not a sheep was reported as killed.

John Wetherbee, who is spending his school vacation at his home (Rev. S. F. Calhoun's) we learn took a prize at the Exeter (N. H.) academy of \$25 for his high standing in his classes. Success to him.

C. E. Smith of New Haven is canvassing this town and Shoreham for Perry & Spaulding's school maps. They are recommended by several prominent town school superintendents, among them G. A. Kibball of our own town. Mr. Smith is also getting subscribers for Watson's family atlas.

Col. W. B. Wright is very sick, and during a part of last week his life was despaired of by his physicians. Doctors Woodward of Brandon and Vincent of Orwell, but at this writing his case is considered more hopeful. But he is by no means out of danger. His disease is nervous prostration.

Mr. Manbrant, the efficient miller at Little's grist mill for several years past, was stricken down and died suddenly of paralysis on Monday, Dec. 21, and was buried on Thursday of last week. The funeral was attended at the Catholic church. He leaves a widow and a large family of sons and daughters to mourn his death.

The entertainment given by the Congregational Sunday-school on Christmas eve, was well attended at the town hall and the audience were favored with singing by the choir, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Curtis, W. C. Hack, F. Ochsman, Misses Eva and Lena Abbey, with Miss Jennie Warner as organist. They gave several fine Christmas pieces, which were apparently highly appreciated by the audience. Miss Caro Comaford also gave a splendid Christmas song, Miss Jennie Royce officiating at the cottage organ. Several recitations were given by members of the Sunday school. Miss Gertrude Stevens recited a Christmas piece very nicely and Jennie Plue recited scripture connected with the birth of Christ, doing herself credit, while little Grace Lewis fairly brought down the house in a recitation entitled "The Holidays." Master Jay Branch also spoke "The Mariner's Dream" to the entire satisfaction of the audience, if the cheering he got at its close was any criterion to judge from. The distribution of presents occupied necessarily a long time, Charles Lewis officiating as Santa Claus very creditably. Many of the presents were very fine, as our people very generally used this medium for distributing presents among the different members of their respective families. The supper was also an attractive feature of the evening's entertainment and did credit to the committee in charge of it, but none appeared to enjoy this any more than the younger ones, if we may judge from their sparkling bright eyes.

## WEST CORNWALL.

Stella Robinson is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wallace have lately spent several days in Mineville, N. Y., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peck have lately visited at Dr. N. D. Peck's in Ticonderoga.

F. S. Haskell is indisposed, but it is hoped he will not swell the list of sick ones.

Wm. DeLong is making rapid strides toward a complete recovery from his many recent ills.

The roads are getting good again and travel is brisk as usual, and that we can have snow.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Halliday of Boston came on Saturday for a few days' visit to the old home and aged mother and other relatives here.

Mrs. Merrill Bingham has been for a number of days in Crown Point caring for her father and mother, who are in very poor health.

The roads were so bad and it was so cold at Christmas that very little stir was made, yet Santa Claus was here and many homes were made happy and young faces were brighter for his coming.

Cards are out for the marriage, tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, of Will E. Taylor, formerly of this place, to Mabel McDonald of Whiting. His friends wish him a long life and a happy one in his new relation.

The Ladies' Union Aid society, which was to have met with Mrs. Marian Robinson Wednesday afternoon, which the sickness of her daughter prevented will meet with Mrs. Eliza Peck Thursday afternoon.

## VERGENNES.

A little child of Roney Fortin died last Monday. It had whooping cough.

Mrs. Sally Warner of Pantow is stopping for the winter at the Stevens House.

James G. Spaulding and wife of Burlington and Chas. Stone are spending a few days in town.

Chas. Smith, the telegraph operator at the Stevens House, is suffering with sore eyes caused by inflammation.

This city is blessed with seven doctors, besides two veterinary surgeons. Sickness ought to give us a wide berth.

A little boy named Hayes, son of Ed. Hayes, had two of his fingers cut off with a circular saw in the Shade Roller factory.

Pantow, West Addison and Chimney Point are to have a daily mail after Jan. 1, 1886, from Vergennes. Now they have a tri-weekly mail.

Mrs. R. A. Peters, sister of N. G. Norton, is very sick with fever. She has been sick several weeks. It is earnestly hoped she will soon recover.

The creek is frozen over again and the boys are having a fine time skating; but there are dangerous air holes and the utmost caution should be observed to avoid them.

Rev. Mr. Taylor of Philadelphia has been given a call to preside over St. Paul's parish. He officiated in their church last Sunday, assisted by Aaron B. Clark, a minister in prospect.

E. C. Scott has had venison on sale for a few days and the boys have had lots of fun with L. O. Thompson of Weybridge, of whom Scott bought the venison, telling him that the game constable, Fisher, was after him.

John Sears, Jr., of West Addison, got his span of horses into the lake while crossing on the ice to York State a week ago last Sunday. They perished before help came to assist him. There has been no crossing on the ice north of Chimney Point as yet.

[From another correspondent.]

Christmas night, at the State reform school, was an occasion of unusual interest. The capacious and handsome chapel was filled with scholars and visitors. The Christmas trees were arranged in the rear of the platform, with their burden of gifts, while the evergreen archway in front, with Bethlehem's star as the keystone, made a beautiful picture. The exercises consisted of a service interspersed with scripture readings and responses. Rev. Mr. Robertson made brief and appropriate remarks. Miss Lyon presided at the piano, accompanied by Willie Fairbank on the clarinet. The distribution of the gifts was full of interest to all, especially to the happy boys and girls who were so bountifully remembered by friends and relatives at home. The presents were useful, and all were remembered; scholars, teachers and officers. The remarks of Supt. Fairbank at the close of the exercises, were timely and well expressed, showing conclusively that he fully realized the gravity of the charge confided to his care by the people of the State. The impression left upon the minds of those present was, that he desired to do all in his power to make the school a real reformatory, and of lasting good to each member. The entire affair passed off agreeably and was highly complimentary to all concerned.

## WEYBRIDGE.

Chauncey Stewart, formerly of this town, now of Iowa, is at his mother's, Mrs. Helen Stewart.

Some changes are being made at the basement of the M. E. church, which will make it a much more desirable place to meet in.

Presiding-Elder Bennett preached at the M. E. church on Tuesday evening. Nine persons were baptized and joined the church.

Charles Tier raised this year 2300 bushels of oats from 30 acres of land and 400 bushels of barley from nine acres; 3520 pounds was the weight of seven hogs sold to parties at Vergennes. Can anybody raise these figures?

There will be a bowl and spoon party at the parlors of the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6. All are invited. Bill, 25 cents. The committee are: Wm. J. Newton, Geo. R. Thorne, Will A. Sheldon, W. B. Child and Irving Stewart.

John Green, the veteran horse tamer, has been at Albert and W. C. Sturdevant's driving some colts, with his usual success. These colts are blooded stock and considered valuable; but they can be safely trusted with Johnnie, who knows just how to bring them in.

## GENERAL COUNTY ITEMS.

Some Ripton people are filling their ice-houses. They find the ice eight or nine inches thick.

There are 2200 volumes in the Vergennes library, which was founded June 1, 1876, with 121 volumes.

The Vermont Investment and Guarantee company of Orwell, of which C. E. Bush is cashier, has increased its capital stock to \$150,000.

Rev. Mr. McGregor, pastor of the Methodist church at North Ferrisburgh, got a bag of silver amounting to \$57.50 on the tree at the Christmas exercises of the Sunday school.

A monument to the late Elder Hulburd, for many years a prominent Methodist clergyman in this section, has just been placed in the north cemetery at Wey-

bridge. It is made of one solid block of granite.

The report recently published, that the State board of agriculture would hold a meeting in Middlebury this winter is not true. But one meeting will be held in a county and that for this will in all probability be at Addison, the latter part of February.

W. H. Merritt, manager of the Lake Dunmore House, had a highly-prized English grey-hound stolen by two drummers. They learned that officers were after them and sent the dog back to Rutland, where it remained till a few days ago, when the owner got track of it and went down after his property. He has been offered \$100 for the animal.

## State News.

St. Albans and Burlington both have toboggan slides.

Bennington has a special prosecutor, Franklin Scott.

The total county tax in Windsor county this year is \$703.

The Salvation army has re-opened its campaign in Burlington.

The new Burlington city directory contains 6000 names, 1400 more than the old one.

The State Spiritualist association holds its next quarterly meeting at Ludlow the 22d, 23d and 24th of this month.

John Meigs, the St. Albans boy who shot a side of his face away accidentally recently, has died of his injuries.

The house of E. C. Fay in Jericho was burned last week. It has just been re-furnished and the loss is large. Not much was saved.

Rutland's village trustees have no money to use and a meeting called to see what should be done about it adjourned without action.

Considerable improvement has lately been made in the asylum for the insane at Brattleboro. The present number of inmates is 434.

Thomas Fox, employed at the woolen mills in Winooski, fell into a tub of hot dye-stuff Saturday afternoon and was badly scalded.

Burglars have open the safe of Dennison Bros., merchants at Pittsford, last Thursday night, but were frightened off before they had taken the contents. There was \$600 in the safe.

Martin Griffith was unloading a safe at Wolcott, the other day, when the skid gave way and the safe fell upon his arm, crushing it so that amputation was necessary.

During a game of polo on the ice at Enosburgh Falls recently Don Fasset and Irving Lawrence came together with such force as to break young Lawrence's collar bone very badly.

An unusual number of drunks, at St. Johnsbury Christmas day, caused a raid on the saloons, the result of which was fines for selling amounting to \$164 and the confiscation of 60 bottles of beer.

Winooski is a good place for home missionary work. Only a few months ago it was the scene of a prize fight, and last week a cock fight, in which 39 rounds were fought, took place there.

George E. Pelton and Fred A. Field of Rutland announce their intention of starting *The Vermonter*, a monthly of 64 pages, in which the literary lights of the State will have a chance to shine.

The State committee of the Y. M. C. A. has organized with Prof. Henry Fairbanks for president, C. L. Page, secretary and D. M. Camp, treasurer. A State secretary is to be employed to look after the old and organize new associations.

A Northfield brakeman named Moody the other day received a dispatch intended for the noted evangelist, whose home is at Northfield, Mass., asking him to go to Louisville, Ky., and hold revival meetings.

The Green Mountain Stock Farm company has been formed under the laws of Connecticut to carry on the business started three years ago by the Moulton Bros. at West Randolph. The concern keeps a large herd of Jerseys and makes butter for the big New York hotels.

The Rutland Horse Railroad company has reorganized. The present directors are M. Quinn, T. J. Lyon, G. H. Cheney, M. McKeogh, A. H. Tuttle, J. W. Cramton and J. C. Dunn. M. Quinn is president; A. H. Tuttle, treasurer and J. N. Woodin, secretary of the corporation.

Judge Poland and wife, it is said, will spend the winter at Washington. The judge has been president of the First National bank in St. Johnsbury since its organization, and it is expected that he will resign the position when he leaves, and there may be other changes in the board of directors.

The customs report for the district of Vermont for November is: Value of goods imported for consumption, \$354,916; duties, \$43,638.03; for warehouse and transportation, \$47,164; duties, \$16,327.05; for transportation and exportation, \$172,845; duties, \$42,202; value of domestic exports, \$130,880.

Frederick May and his younger brother of Hancock and Eugene Spencer of Rochester were arrested the other day on the charge of robbing clothes lines and stealing in the latter place. Spencer owned up and implicated the older May. Both these were fined and the other May boy was discharged.

A "haunted house" mystery in Hinesburg is solved. For ten years Elias R. Palmer's dwelling has been the scene of

mysterious rappings and other uncanny phenomena. People have flocked from miles around to hear the sounds. Now it is learned that a 16-year-old girl in the family has been fooling them all this time by a series of clever tricks.

Walter Hadley shot Edgar Hayes at Lyndonville Monday night, two balls entering the latter's head. Hadley claims that Hayes called him out of the house and struck him twice, and then shot at him. Hadly returned the fire, killing Hayes instantly. Brass knuckles and Hayes' revolver were found lying beside the dead man. Hadley delivered himself up at once. There had been trouble between the men before.

Superintendent of Education Dartt has asked the president of the State W. C. T. U. to get speakers who will give addresses on the subject of "Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools," at the various educational meetings to be held by him throughout the State. By this means it is hoped to arouse a more general interest in this important line of temperance work; and also to enthrone teachers on their opportunity, and how to use it in teaching physiology under the new law.

The grand jury of the United States court at Rutland last week found two indictments—one of E. W. Smith for stealing a registered letter from the postoffice at Gasset's station last fall, and the other against Frank Libby of St. Johnsbury, who was arrested some time since for making fraudulent affidavits in making out papers for a pension. Smith was sentenced to one year in the house of correction on a plea of guilty. Libby will probably be arraigned at the February term of the court.

The Rutland Musical Festival association has just chosen these officers at its annual meeting: President, A. F. Walker; vice-presidents, W. W. Ripley, Redfield Proctor, J. W. Cramton, P. W. Clement and Hugh H. Baxter; secretary, P. M. Meldon; treasurer, E. A. Morse; librarian, Louis V. Green; executive committee, J. N. Baxter, N. P. Kingsley, H. F. Field, J. H. Goulding, Oscar Atwood, A. W. Higgins, L. G. Kingsley, E. L. Temple, J. A. Gould, George A. Mielzio, Charles A. Gale and Charles P. Harris.

The Burlington Commercial Travelers' association held its fifth annual banquet in that city Monday night and chose these officers for the coming year: President, William W. Walker; vice-president, U. A. Woodbury; secretary, A. C. Whiting; treasurer, N. K. Brown; executive committee, F. C. Herrington, W. F. Hendee, H. B. Simonds, A. W. Dunham and Guy E. Robinson. Among the honorary members elected was General Manager J. W. Hobart of the Central Vermont railroad. The association numbers 136 active members, including over 100 traveling salesmen.

Alanson Jones, 21 years of age, was instantly killed while out hunting in Stratton recently. He started for the woods in the morning with dog and gun to look at some traps, saying that he should be back by noon. The dog came back in the afternoon without him, search was begun, and he was found the next day on a rock, dead. It appeared that he had slipped so that the hammers of the gun struck a stone and both barrels were fired and the charges went through a part of one thigh and into the abdomen, killing him instantly. One of the gun hammers was broken.

The town of Milton has a genuine centenarian in the person of John Clinton, who resides within one and a half miles of Milton Falls. Mr. Clinton is a native of Ireland, and was born in the county Mainthmore in 1788—as has been proved by the church records. He came to America in 1852, located in Colchester and subsequently removed to Milton. He has four living children. Although 102 years old, he can see at a distance nearly as well as ever, but he cannot distinguish persons near by. He walks all around the neighborhood and over the farm, cares for the hogs, brings in wood and water for the house and does not appear to be over 80 years old.—*St. Albans Messenger*.

The New Orleans correspondent of the *Springfield Republican* says of Vermont's exhibit at the American exhibition, now open in that city: Vermont has lost her elegant marble arch put up last year by Gov. Proctor, but the model house, specimens of her woods, marble and slate, some of the best apples I ever saw, raised just outside Montpelier, are here, besides two carloads of exhibits on the way. Among the several commissioners and other New Englanders connected with the exposition, Col. J. B. Mead of Vermont is